Op Openingethe event, Education Minister; Misic Mardanov notedethe cooperation established between the Ministry of Education and the World Bank during the last years, and reforms carried out in the education system. Afterwards, he has asked to speak the representative of the World Bank.

Having thanked participants of presentation, Lire Ersado informed them on the Azerbaijan living coorditions assessment report. She underlined that in Azerbaijan were taken significant measures for improvement standards of living, noted the economic growth in the country and realization of measures for poverty reduction. Moreover, the guest informed participants on other areas studied by them and the the role of reducation in the improvement of living conditions of people. According to her, they are informed on achievements in these fields and implemented works.

L. Ersado talked about problems existed in the pre-school and higher education area, enrolment rates to universities of Azerbaijan and highlighted the necessity to put an increasing attention to this area in terms of human resources development.

 $\label{eq:production} A fterwards, slides, which illustrated the experiditure one education, participation of Azerbäijani stistudents in the PISA program, suse of educational materials by teachers and other issues have been shown.$ 

Minister/Mardanoveexpressed his attitude about certain issues mentioned in the presentation. MoreMoreover, he noted works carried out in the direction to improve the educational level i Having underlined the importance of education's quality, the Minister talked about provided measures in this direction, as well as expressed his opinions on the importance of initial vocational training development.